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USDOC FOR CAGNE (VAN ROBERTSON)

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF FORESTRY OFFICIAL

1. MR. MAHMOUD AWWAD AL-JIBOURI, DIRECTOR GENERAL (DG) OF FORESTRY, IRAQI MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRI-GATION, BAGHDAD, ARRIVES WASHDC SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15 (PARK CENTRAL HOTEL) TO BEGIN THREE WEEK US VISIT. JIBOURI, WHO MODERATELY FLUENT IN ENGLISH, TAKING PART IN UN/FAO STUDY TOUR ON FOREST FIRE MANAGEMENT. AFTER FOYR DAYS WASHINGTON, 35 MAN TOUR GROUP TRAVELS TO SOUTH CAROLINA, FLORIDA AND TEXAS.

2. COMATT CALLED ON DG AND SENIOR STAFF FEBRUARY 12 AND BRIEFED ON USDA AND USDOC SERVICES. GAVE VAN ROBERTSON'S ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER. DG SAID HE IS CARRYING LONG QUOTE SHOPPING LIST UNQUOTE OF EQUIPMENT, TECHNOLOGY, SEEDS, ETC. HIS ORGANIZATION NEEDS. WOULD WELCOME CON-TACTS WITH US SUPPLIERS. PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN DETAILS OF USDA TRAINING COURSE IN FORESTRY. ASKED USDA OR USDOC ALERT IRAQI INTERESTS SECTION WASHDC ABOUT HIS VISIT. FYI: THIS INS DG'S FIRST VISIT TO USA.

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3. ACTION REQUESTED: USDA AND USDOC WORK TOGETHER TO

ASSIST DG MAKE USEFUL CONTACTS WITH PERSONS AND ORGAN-
IZATIONS ABLE OFFER MATERIALS BEARING ON FULL SPECTRUM
OF IRAQI FORESTRY NEEDS. ALSO INFOR JAMES HAVEY OF
TEXAS INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION, AUSTIN (TELEPHONE 512-475-4331)
WHO IS ORGANIZING TEXAS STATE TRADE MISSION.
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